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 CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED].
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DATE: 10 MAY 74

SUBJECT: F-304 REPLACEMENT
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BELGIUM, NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK HAVE AGREED TO
 SEND A FOUR-COUNTRY DELEGATION TO THE US AND FRANCE TO DISCUSS
 4 CANDIDATES TO REPLACE THE AMERICAN F-304 STARFIGHTERS. THE DECISION
 WAS TAKEN ON MAY 8-9 AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FOUR-COUNTRY
 2 STEERING GROUP. NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL, ON BEHALF
 1 OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES, WILL DRAFT A LETTER TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

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AND THE FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER IN WHICH HE WILL OUTLINE THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING AND PROPOSE THE VISITS.

THE US VISIT IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR JUNE 24 AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT THREE WEEKS. THE DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM EACH COUNTRY. IN ADDITION TO EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH NORTHROP AND, PROBABLY, GENERAL DYNAMICS, THEY WILL HOPE TO HAVE TWO OR THREE DAYS OF TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE TEAM WILL SEEK TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE US GOVERNMENT.

THEY WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC OFFSETS OUTSIDE THE PLANNED AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

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THE STEERING GROUP HAS NARROWED THE CHOICE TO THREE AIRCRAFT: THE MERAGE SUPER F-1, THE NORTHROP P-530 AND THE GENERAL DYNAMICS 402. THE GROUP HAS NOT, HOWEVER, RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER AIRCRAFT COULD BECOME ELIGIBLE.

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IMMINENT PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
COULD "GREATLY AID" US EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THE REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT
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